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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members. I simply wanted to be sure that we got to a machine vote on this bill. If you recall, this is a bill proposed to add an alternate member to a planning commission. And I think that we need to consider this quite seriously, if we were to vote to advance this bill. It just appears to me...I understand the problems in smaller towns, particularly where they are having trouble getting attendance at planning commissions. But it just doesn't seem to me that adding an alternate member to this group, that may or may not vote, depending on whether they're in attendance, whether there's enough in attendance at this meeting, is really the answer to this problem. There is a great deal of potential mischief in this bill, if an alternate was there might there be a time when the alternate would be there, or the main member wouldn't be there and the alternate would come because of a difference in position on a certain issue. And so I felt that I just wanted to call the attention of this to the body, and recognize that this is...there probably is sort of a problem, but I don't think adding an alternate member to our planning commissions is the answer, and I wanted to recommend a kill motion on this for that reason.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. We'll now go to Senator Beyer on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR BEYER: Well, I would oppose the kill motion. But I think it's up to the body. There are some problems that could be in this, like Senator Wehrbein says. But I think that I've got a little more confidence in our city councils when they appoint the alternate member, I think some of that would be addressed in the ordinance that they would have to adopt to appoint that member. And so I would just leave it up to the body and would take a vote on it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beyer. Is there anyone else who wishes to discuss the motion to indefinitely postpone? Seeing none, Senator Wehrbein, do you wish to close?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would just say briefly there was an offer to amend this, and apparently there is really no desire to do any amending, I'd rather have an up and down, and that's fine with me. And I would just recommend a kill then.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Wehrbein's closing. We will now proceed to vote on the motion to indefinitely postpone